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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

METHOD OF SECURING AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE TO A PRIMARY ABSORBENT UNDERGARMENT

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

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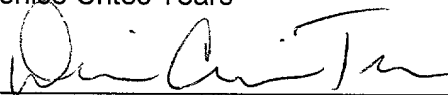
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